

**INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.  
PLEASE COMPLETE ALL PARTS OF THE APPLICATION AND SUBMIT THE APPLICATION ALONG  
WITH ANY REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION BACK TO THE JASPER COUNTY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE FOR  
CONSIDERATION.  
PLEASE SIGN BACK OF SHEET**

358 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  
PO Box 837  
Ridgeland SC 29936

Jasper County Assessors  
Legal Residence Assessment  
Application

Phone: 843-717-3620  
Please do not fax

Ownership Information			
Owner(s) Name		Tax Map #/ Date of Occupancy	
Mailing Address		Tax Year	
City, State, Zip		Telephone (Day)	
PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY			

*In order to qualify, the following forms of identification must be submitted and must have the address of the residence for which you are applying:*

- COPY OF YOUR SOUTH CAROLINA DRIVER'S LICENCE OR IDENTIFICATION CARD
- COPY OF YOUR SOUTH CAROLINA VEHICLE(S) REGISTRATION
- COPY OF YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY CARD
- COPY OF YOUR SOUTH CAROLINA VOTER(S) REGISTRATION, IF YOU DO NOT OWN A CAR
- COPY OF YOUR TRUST AGREEMENT IF PROPERTY IS HELD IN A TRUST
- IF MILITARY, PROVIDE COPY OF PDS ORDERS, LES STATEMENT AND MILITARY/SPOUSE ID

IF YOU ARE MARRIED THE ABOVE IDENTIFICATION IS NEEDED FOR YOUR SPOUSE.

**ALL QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED BEFORE THIS APPLICATION CAN BE PROCESSED**

1) Are you a U.S. Citizen? Yes ☐ No ☐ If no, a copy of your visa is required.

2) Property Address. Report "Same", if identical to Mailing Address

3) Is any portion of the property (land or buildings) rented or leased? If yes, attach explanation. Yes ☐ No ☐

4) Please check appropriate box: Married ☐ Widowed ☐ Legally separated ☐ Divorced ☐ Single ☐

5) For all owners and their spouses (full or part-year: List full name, social security number, percent owned and relationship to applicant (attach extra sheet if needed)

6) Do you, your spouse or any member of your household own any other residence(s) anywhere in the United States? Yes ☐ No ☐ If **YES** List **ALL** addresses showing City, County, State (attach extra sheet if necessary) Please provide a letter from that County indicating that this property does not receive any tax exemptions.

7) Do the owner occupants file a S.C. State Income Tax Return as a resident of South Carolina? If No, (explain below) Yes ☐ No ☐

8) Are all vehicles of the property owner(s) registered in Jasper County? If No, (please explain) Yes ☐ No ☐

9) Is the property held in trust? Yes ☐ No ☐ If **YES**: is the property occupied by the current income beneficiary of the trust? Yes ☐ No ☐ (Attach copy of **ENTIRE** trust and any related documents)

*\*If you received this application as a result of your property being put into a trust, and you were qualified to receive the Homestead exemption through the Auditor's office, that has been removed along with your legal residency. You must contact the Auditor's office to reapply.*

## Property Owner Acknowledgement

Under penalty of perjury, I certify that:

- A) The residence which is the subject of this application is my legal residence and where I am domiciled at the time of this application and that I do not claim to be a legal resident of a jurisdiction other than South Carolina for any purpose; and
- B) That neither I nor any other member of my house hold is residing in or occupying any other residence which I or any member of my immediate family has qualified for the special assessment ratio allowed by this section. A member of my household means:
  - a) The owner-occupants spouse, except when that spouse is legally separated from the owner-occupant, and
  - b) Any child under the age of eighteen years of the owner-occupant claimed or eligible to be claimed as a dependent on the owner-occupant's federal income tax return.

If a person signs a legal residence certification, obtains the 4% ratio, and thereafter loses eligibility and fails to notify the assessor within six months, a penalty is imposed equal to 100% of the tax paid, plus interest on that amount.

\*The owner-occupant may be asked to provide proof the assessor requires including, but not limited to:

- 1) Copies of SC Motor Vehicle Registrations and Driver's License for **all owners**; and any other proof required by the assessor
- 2) a copy of a filed SC Income Tax Return; (Note) Social Security Numbers may be used to verify income-tax filing
- 3) a copy of a valid voter registration card

### Definition of Legal Residence

See Department of Revenue Regulation 117-1800.1(2)).

### Qualification Requirements

See South Carolina Code of Laws (12-43-220 (c)).

### Right to Appeal

If the assessor determines the owner-occupant ineligible, the owner occupant may appeal the classification as provided in Chapter 60, Title 12 of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

### Return this Application Now

Failure to file within the prescribed time, "Any time before the first penalty date for taxes due for the first tax year for which the assessment is claimed", shall constitute abandonment of the owner's right for this classification for the tax year applied for. (South Carolina Code of Laws: 12-43-220(c) for legal residence) Please file now to avoid any unnecessary delays in processing your application.

### Signature Required Below

If there is more than one owner of this property our office will accept either owner's signature.

By signing below, you are stating that you understand and are in agreement with this application.

Property Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Filing Status \_\_\_\_\_ If divorced/separated, received papers \_\_\_\_\_

Forms of ID received \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

SCDL \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle Registration \_\_\_\_\_ If no vehicle, Why \_\_\_\_\_

SS Card, Medicare or Military \_\_\_\_\_

Voter Registration \_\_\_\_\_

Tax Return \_\_\_\_\_

Checked Addresses on ALL Forms \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_